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SUBJECT: IHT ARTICLE BY CONGRESSMAN ROBERT CARR ON
NEUTRON BOMB

SUMMARY: INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE (IHT) OF AUGUST 26
CARRIED SIGNED ARTICLE BY CONGRESSMAN CARR DATELINED
GENEVA AND TITLED QUOTE THE NEUTRON BOMB-A U.S. VIEW END
QUOTE WHICH DIRECTLY RESPONDS TO ARTICLE BY NOBEL PRIZE
WINNING SOVIET CHEMIST NIKOLAI SEMIONOV TITLED QUOTE THE
NEUTRON BOMB- A SOVIET NO END QUOTE THAT APPEARED IN IHT
ON AUG. 23. END. SUMMARY.

1. IHT OF AUG. 23 CARRIED SIGNED ARTICLE BY NOBEL
LAUREATE NIKOLAI SEMIONOV ON SOVIET OPPOSITION TO NEUTRON
BOMB. SEMIONOV CHARGES THAT INTRODUCTION OF NEUTRON
WEAPON WILL INCREASE THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR BY LOWERING
THE NUCLEAR THRESHOLD AND BY BRINGING ABOUT QUOTE THE
CONDITIONS ALLOWING IT TO BE USED WITHOUT THE US PRESIDENT'
S AUTHORIZATION END QUOTE. SEMIONOV CONTINUES BY CLAIMING
THAT THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS LIMITED NUCLEAR WARFARE,
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WITH WHICH HE LINKS NEUTRON WEAPON, AND THAT TO ADVERTISE
THIS IDEA IS QUOTE ONLY IN THE INTEREST OF THOSE WHO
PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS NOT OF THE PEOPLE ON WHOSE TERRITORY
TERRITORY THESE WEAPONS ARE STOCKED END
QUOTE. FINALLY SEMIONOV DRAGS IN THE HELSINKI AGREEMENTS
CLAIMING THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION TO PRODUCE THE
NEUTRON WEAPON IS QUOTE CONTRARY TO THE HELSINKI

COMMITMENTS (AND) TO THE MORAL PRINCIPLES ABOUT WHICH MUCH IS SAID IN WASHINGTON END QUOTE.

2. CONGRESSMAN CARR COUNTERS ARGUMENT OVER LOWERING OF NUCLEAR THRESHOLD BY REMINDING READER (AND SEMIONOV) THAT NEUTRON WEAPON IS QUOTE STILL A NUCLEAR WEAPON AND ITS USE IS NOT MORE LIKELY THAN ANY OTHER NUCLEAR WEAPON END QUOTE. IN ADDITION, CARR TAKES PAINS TO DESCRIBE ACCURATELY CHARACTERISTICS OF NEUTRON WEAPONS POINTING OUT THAT WEAPON IS NOT NEW AND THAT IT IS NOT QUOTE THE NEWEST IN A PROGRESSION OF HORRIBLE, UNTHINKABLE WEAPONS... END QUOTE. CARR THUS MOVES ISSUE OFF EMOTIONAL PLANE. LASTLY CARR EMPHASIZES THE DEFENSIVE NATURE OF NEUTRON WEAPONS. IN NEAT CONCLUSION, CARR CALLS ON SEMIONOV TO CEASE FRUITLESS ARGUMENTS OVER TYPES OF WEAPONS AND CONCENTRATE ON REAL ISSUE WHICH IS REDUCTION OF ALL NUCLEAR ARMS.

3. COMMENT: TIMELY RESPONSE BY US CONGRESSMAN IN INFLUENTIAL IHT PROVIDED EFFECTIVE AND CREDIBLE RETORT TO SEMIONOV PIECE.

4. ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS SEEN BOTH ARTICLES BUT WILL CABLE TEXTS IF DESIRED. GLITMAN

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